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January 9, 2001

Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed October 24, 2001, please enter the following amendments. Please also re-examine and reconsider the application in view of the following amendments and appended remarks.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 9, 10, 12, and 24 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.

Please amend the following claims:

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being facsimile transmitted to the Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231, Attention: Examiner Lee, Group Art Unit 2784, Facsimile No. 703-872-9318, on January 9, 2002.

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